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Application No.: 10/074,599

Invention: ROPE LOCKING DEVICE WITH
AUTOMATIC SAFETY
MECHANISM

Applicant: Brad E. Hossler

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before preparing the first Office Action for the above
captioned case.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

On page 5, line 32 please add --In a preferred embodiment, grooves 92 are funnel shaped.--
after "Y-shaped slots 92."

No other fees are believed due at this time, however, please charge any additional
deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account number 10-0435 with reference to our
attorney docket number (29947/93100).

Respectfully submitted,

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